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In re application of: Yamasaki et al.
 Serial No.: 10/711,717
 Filed: September 30, 2004
 Title: A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR FORMING A PASSIVATED METAL LAYER
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2. Small Entity status is claimed.
- Other Than a Small Entity.
3. The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY	LARGE ENTITY
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
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INDEP. *	5	MINUS ***	3	2	x100	\$ 0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+180		+360
				TOTAL FEE	\$ 0.00	TOTAL FEE
						\$ 400.00

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5. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply.

Complete (a) or (b) as applicable.

(a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>	Fee for <u>small entity</u>
one month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
two months	\$ 450.00	\$ 225.00
three months	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 510.00
four months	\$ 1,590.00	\$ 795.00
five months	\$ 2,160.00	\$ 1,080.00

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An extension for _____ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. Extension fee due with this request \$ _____.

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(b) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

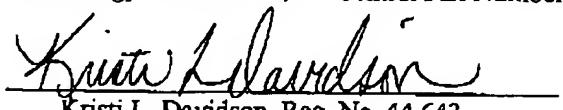
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 30, 2005. The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-20 are pending in the application, claim 20 is withdrawn from consideration, and claims 1-19 are rejected. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

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